PROLOGUE

A GIRL RUNS SO FREELY! A YOUTHFUL INTRODUCTION

SHHH

I'M GOING
TO BE A
BIG SUCCESS

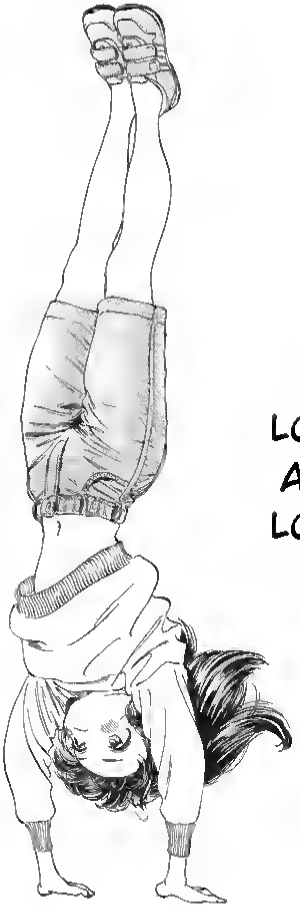
JUST LIKE
MY IDOL
MIKI-CHAN!

I'M

GOING TO A NEW SCHOOL WHERE

I'LL MAKE
LOTS AND
LOTS OF

NEW
FRIENDS


LOTS
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I'M
GOING
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IT
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YEAH
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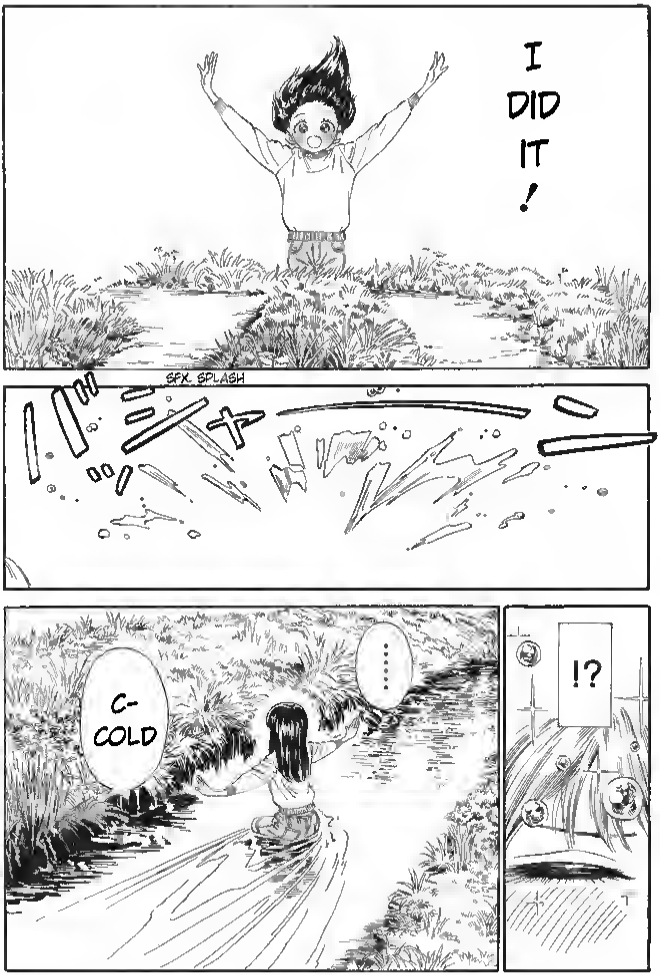
I DID IT!
SFX: SPLASH
C-COLD
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SFX. TRUCK PULLING UP
ブォー
SFX. BRAKES
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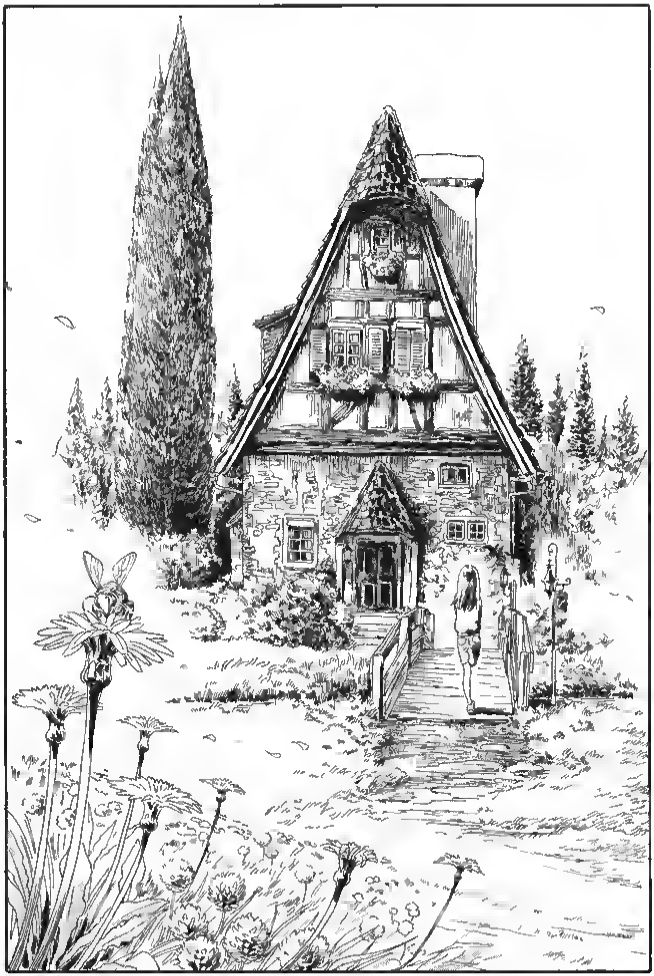
URGHH- MY UNDER-WEAR IS SOAKING WET NOW
GURGLE
UMM
UH, IT'S
I WAS PRACTICING SWIMMING IN MY CLOTHES
DRIP
IT'S KOMICHI OF COURSE. AFTER ALL WHO ELSE WOULD HAVE FALLEN IN THE CANAL
BRRMM
BRRMM
AH... FARMER TAIRA-SAN
LET'S GET YOU HOME. SIT ON THE BACK OF THE TRUCK.

SQUELCH!
TAKEN YOUR ENTRANCE EXAM FOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL YET KOMICHI
IZZAT SO, IZZAT SO... IT'S HARD TO GET INTO YOUR MOTHER WENT THERE DIDN'T SHE?
YEAH ! I WAS REALLY GLAD TO PASS THE EXAM !
BRMMMMMMM
YEAH ! ROUBAI ACADEMY ! IT'S A PRIVATE SCHOOL !

KOMICHI WENT TO A REALLY SMALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-- I WAS ALL BY MYSELF IN MY CLASS
THERE ARE MORE THAN TEN PEOPLE IN EACH CLASS !
YOU'RE GLAD, AREN'T YOU
TOTALLY UNBELIEV-ABLE ISN'T IT ?
YEP



SFX. SEWING MACHINE NOISES
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MOTHER, ONEE-CHAN'S BACK HOME
…
ドド…
CLACK
I'M HOME!
I'LL GO SEE!
OH HO GUILTY FOOTSTEPS, SHE'S HIDING SOMETHING
TIP…
TAP…

I WONDER WHO YOU TAKE AFTER
DRIP
DRIP
TA-DAH
BY THE WAY WHERE DID THESE STRAWBERRIES COME FROM ?
BIG ARENT THEY
THEY'RE A PRESENT TO KOMICHI FOR PASSING THE EXAM, FROM OLD MAN TAIRA-SAN !!
REALLY ⋮ YOU'RE SUCH A TOMBOY
I'M SORRY
PLOP…
WELL, SINCE YOU OWE ME FOR LOOKING AFTER YOU…
SOOO TASTY

HE HE HE... TAKE A LOOK BACK AT WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE LAST WEEK
YOU DID REALLY WELL CONGRATS !
OH, YOUR FATHER SENT A CONGRATULATORY EMAIL WHILE YOU WERE OUT
NO WAY! LET ME SEE IT !!
WHAT ?
FATHER NEVER SAW ME LIKE THAT SO HOW DID HE KNOW?
BUT DON'T SLEEP AT YOUR DESK OR YOU'LL CATCH COLD
EH ! EHH ?!
ZZZ
ZZZ
ALL SAVED
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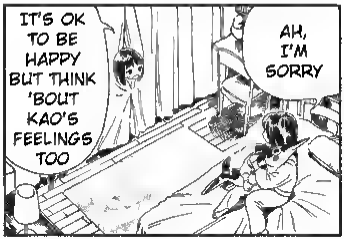
MY PARENTS WERE TAKING SNEAKY PICTURES OF THEIR DAUGHTER !!!
SWIPE
SWIPE

AH... IT'S FATHER
BLINK
Pu
YESSSS
I CAN'T TRUST ANYONE ANY MORE, CAN I ...
I WAS STUDYING REALLY HARD, HONEST
YEAH WELL
JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T SPEND ALL MY TIME ASLEEP
REALLY!?
WELL DONE FOR ALL YOUR EFFORT
HELLO FATHER? IT'S ME, KOMICHI
AH...
UHH
WHEN WILL YOU DO THAT?
IF I CAN TAKE CUTE PICTURES OF YOU I'LL SAVE THEM TOO
EH?
IT'LL BE A SURPRISE ...

THAT WAS SOOOO EMBARR-ASSING
ROUBAI ACADEMY
PROSTITUTE
KONICHI & KAO
やったー
SFX. YESSS !
ROLL～
MARLIN-KUN
I'LL FINALLY GET TO WEAR IT TOO...!

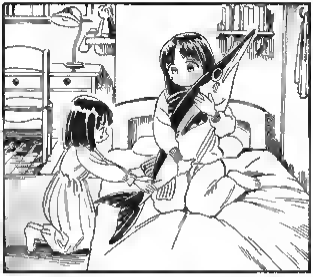
Fukumoto
Miki
EVEN A GIRL LIKE ME CAN LOOK LIKE HER
...
POUT
HA HA HA HA

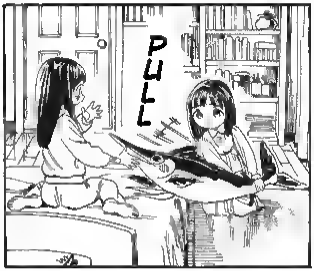

IT'S OK TO BE HAPPY BUT THINK 'BOUT KAO'S FEELINGS TOO
AH, I'M SORRY

NOT SO LOUD, ONEE-CHAN !!

STEP STEP STEP
I'LL BE QUIET NOW
IT'S JUST THAT I WAS SO FOCUSSED ON THE EXAMS FOR SO LONG

PLOP

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ONEE-CHAN, KAO WON'T BE ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL WITH YOU. WON'T YOU BE LONELY ?
DIDN'T I SAY THAT KAO CAN HAVE FUN ALL BY HERSELF ?
YOU DIDN'T SAY
I DID SAY
...
KAO'S GONNA BE A LITTLE BIT LONELY
??

DOES KAO WANT TO COME IN THE BATH WITH ME ?
YES
UHH ... SO
HMM, KAO YOU'RE GOING INTO 3RD GRADE RIGHT ?
ONEE-CHAN IS GONNA BE A FIRST-YEAR AGAIN ISN'T SHE ?

I WONDER IF I CAN COPE WITH BEING AMONG THEM
LOTS OF GIRLS COME FROM THE BIG CITY ⋮
I HOPE I CAN MAKE LOTS OF FRIENDS THERE
SPLOSH
ACTUALLY I'M HAPPY AND WORRIED AT THE SAME TIME
HA HA HA... THANK YOU
?
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
YOU GOTTA BELIEVE IN YOURSELF TOTALLY RIGHT NOW
SPLASH-
'CAUSE ONEE-CHAN IS JUST WUNNERFUL

NEXT CHAPTER: FINALLY, THE DREAM SAILOR UNIFORM...

Akebi-chan's Sailor Uniform

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